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1. SUMMARY - MAJOR TAIPEI PAPERS PROMINENTLY REPORTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S HOUSE TESTIMONY WITH STRESS ON HIS REPORTED REMARKS CONCERNING U.S. "TREATY OBLIGATIONS" AND JAPANESE FORMULA DRAWBACKS, BUT INCLUDING U.S. EXPECTATIONS OF CERTAIN PROGRESS IN U.S.-PRC RELATIONS COMING YEARS. END SUMMARY.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE BANNERED BY LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (380,000) INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (350,000) AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (90,000), WHILE BACKPAGED BY KMT'S OFFICIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (270,000), KMT-OWNED CHINA DAILY

NEWS (110,000) AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE'S
YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS (80,000). UNITED DAILY NEWS
CARRIED VERSION BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT COMET SHIH
WHILE OTHERS USED EITHER AP OR CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA).
ALL STRESSED THAT HABIB EMPHASIZED: (1) U.S. "TREATY
OBLIGATION" TO ROC, (2) DRAWBACKS INVOLVED U.S.
ADOPTING JAPANESE FORMULA SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES FACING
U.S. MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THOSE JAPANESE DEALT WITH,
(3) TIME NEEDED FOR ANY SOLUTION, (4) U.S. EXPECTATIONS
CERTAIN PROGRESS PRC-U.S. RELATIONS NEXT FEW YEARS,
(5) ABSENCE PEKING'S PLEDGE NOT RESORT MILITARY
SOLUTION TAIWAN PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH NO SIGN SEEN PRC
INTENTIONS EMPLOY FORCE NOW, (6) NO INTENTION EITHER
U.S. OR PRC RETURN MUTUAL HOSTILITY AND (7) SLOW BUT
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS U.S.-PRC TRADE RELATIONS.

3. USIS TAIPEI DISTRIBUTING TEXT HABIB'S PREPARED
STATEMENT TO SUBCOMMITTEE AS BACKGROUNDER AND PLANS
DO SAME WITH OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT HABIB QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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